

BENTON CONSOLIDATED HIGH SCHOOL
Benton, Illinois 62812
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
June 20, 2024

The Board of Education of the Benton Consolidated High School District #103 met in Regular Session on Thursday, June 20, 2024 at 5:30 P.M. in the District Board Room. President, Mark Minor called the meeting to order.

Mark Minor opened in prayer and Stacia Sloan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Mark Minor, President; Marci Glover, Secretary; Jay Copple, Jim Giacone, and Stacia Sloan. Board members absent: Shane Cockrum and Robin LaBuwi.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Sean Docherty, Principal; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; Ronda Suver, Recording Secretary; Kenise Head, Recording Secretary Trainee; Andy Sloan, Faculty Member; and Jennie Ren, Student Council Representative.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

4.1 Appointment/Compensation/Discipline/Performance of Personnel

4.2 Purchase or Lease of Real Property for the Use of the Public Body

Jay Copple made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Appointment, Compensation, Discipline, and Performance of Personnel and the Purchase or Lease of Real Property for the Use of the Public Body. Jim Giacone seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

The Board; Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; Ronda Suver, Recording Secretary; and Kenise Head, Recording Secretary Trainee; entered into an Executive Session in the executive board room at 5:31 P.M.

Open Session - The Board reconvened in an Open Session at 7:08 P.M. Marci Glover, Secretary called the roll. Answering present: Jay Copple – yes, Jim Giacone – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, Stacia Sloan – yes, Mark Minor – yes, and Marci Glover – yes. Board member absent: Shane Cockrum.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Sean Docherty, Principal; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; Ronda Suver, Recording Secretary; Kenise Head, Recording Secretary Trainee; Andy Sloan, Faculty Member; and Jennie Ren, Student Council Representative.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Approve Minutes: Regular Board Meeting Minutes, May 16, 2024

Executive Board Meeting Minutes, May 16, 2024

5.2 Approve Financial Report (May 2024)

5.3 Approve Payment of Bills (May 2024)

5.4 Review/Approve Final Reading Board Policy Updates from Press Plus Issue 114

5.5 Review/Approve Centerstone MOU (ENCL A)

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Jay Copple made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Stacia Sloan seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Jim Giacone – yes, Marci Glover – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, Jay Copple – yes, Mark Minor – yes, and Stacia Sloan – yes. Motion Carried. A copy of Press Plus Issue 114 and Enclosures A have been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REMARKS

Mr. Johnson commented on the following:

- Summer Project Updates including: House on College Street, Locker Rooms, Parking Lots and PA System in Rich Herrin Gym

Mr. Docherty provided a written report.

7. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Assignment of Personnel Stacia Sloan made a motion to approve the slate of extra-duty spring sports assignments for the 2024-25 SY as amended in Enclosure B1. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried. A copy of Attachment B1 has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve Melodee Garner as a youth and government volunteer for the 2024-25 school year. Jim Giacone seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.2 Employment of Personnel Jim Giacone made a motion to employ Ashley Chaffin as a teacher's aide for the 2024-25 school year. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Stacia Sloan – yes, Jay Copple – yes, Jim Giacone – yes, Marci Glover – yes, Mark Minor – yes, and Robin LaBuwi - no. Motion carried.

Jay Copple made a motion to employ Alicia Ward as a teacher for the 2024-25 School Year. Jim Giacone seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Stacia Sloan made a motion to employ Keri Cavins as a part-time cook for the 2024-25 school year. Robin LaBuwi seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Robin LaBuwi made a motion to accept the letter of intent to retire at the end of the 2024-25 school year from Diana Roper as presented. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the resignation from Amy Jones as assistant girl's track coach effective May 24, 2024. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

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Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the resignation from Seiger Shurtz as girl's track head coach effective June 17, 2024. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.3 Review/Approve Fees for 2024-25 School Year Jay Copple made a motion to approve the fees for the 2024-25 school year as presented. Stacia Sloan seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.4 Review/Approve Posting of Open Positions Robin LaBuwi made a motion to authorize the administration to post the vacated extra-curricular positions as available for the 2024-25 school year. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Jay Copple made a motion to authorize the administration to post the position of guidance secretary as available for the 2024-25 school year. Jim Giacone seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Robin LaBuwi made a motion to authorize the administration to post the position of hall monitor/teacher's aide as available for the 2024-25 school year. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Robin LaBuwi – yes, Stacia Sloan – no, Jay Copple – yes, Jim Giacone – yes, Marci Glover – yes, and Mark Minor - yes. Motion carried.

Jim Giacone made a motion to authorize the administration to post any open extra-curricular positions as available for the 2024-25 school year if they become available prior to the July 2024 board meeting. Robin LaBuwi seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.5 Review/Approve District Property & Casualty Insurance Proposal Jim Giacone made a motion to approve the district property & casualty insurance proposal as presented. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.6 Review/Approve Worker's Comp Proposal Jay Copple made a motion to approve the Worker's Comp Proposal as presented. Jim Giacone seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.7 Review/Approve Fence Installation Proposal

9.8 Review/Approve Proposed Changes to the Teacher Evaluation Plan (ENCL F) Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the changes to the teacher evaluation plan as presented in ENCL F. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried. A copy of ENCL F has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

9.9 Review/Approve Proposal for Door Access Control and Monitoring Jay Copple made a motion to approve the proposal for door access control and monitoring as presented. Stacia Sloan seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

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10. BOARD OF EDUCATION REMARKS

Stacia Sloan commented on the City of Benton’s plans to fill the holes at the entrance of the parking lot behind the Rich Herrin Gym.

Marci Glover questioned the All Aports Award BCHS received.

Stacia Sloan requested further updates on the progress of the locker room upgrades.

11. ADJOURNMENT Jay Copple made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 P.M. Stacia Sloan seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

BOARD PRESIDENT

BOARD SECRETARY